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Ms. Carol Hanlon S&ER Products Manager U. S. Department of Energy Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office P.O. Box 30307 M/S 025 North Las Vegas, NV 89036-0707

Dear Ms Hanlon,

I am sending you this e-mail as a Nuclear Professional, Navy Submarine Veteran and concerned citizen. I am obviously a big believer in nuclear generated electricity because it is clean, relatively cheap and we have large reserves of the fuel in our own country. Our inability as a nation to deal with the high level waste has been the battle cry of all of the anti-nuclear protesters who have run out of other reasons to oppose this common-sense solution to our country's energy problems. I am asking you to recommend to President Bush that we go ahead with the Yucca Mountain Repository as the answer to this problem.

Storing the waste at the plants is not a viable solution in the long term, especially in light of the events of September 11. The industry has invested a great deal in developing the technology to safely store and transport the high level waste to the repository. The National Academy of Sciences has also recognized this type of repository as the best answer to the high level waste problem. There are simply no other solutions except to do nothing, which is clearly not in the best interests of this country (or probably even the state of Nevada).

Please do the right thing and recommend the designation of Yucca Mountain as the national repository for high level nuclear waste.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

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